Annual Imports in Telephone Sector

2317. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual imports in the Telephone Sector, in dollars, during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The annual level of imports in the telecom sector including imports required for production of telecom equipment in dollars during the last 3 years is given below:

Item	*88-89*	*89-90*	*90-91*
Value of Imports in Million Dollars . .	509.8	529.0	310.6

(b) The details of the annual imports in telecom sector during the last 3 years is given below:

Item	*88-89*	*89-90*	*90-91*
		(in Million US $)	
(i) *Finished*			
Telecom equipment :			
— Underground Cables	18.1	13.0	10.3
— Switching equipment	25.4	16.2	8.9
— Transmission equipment . . .	59.5	72.9	5.1
— Test instruments & others, including VSNL & TCIL	11.8	12.3	6.6
(ii) Import of raw material/components/parts required for production of telecom equipment and cables . . .	395	414.6	279.7
Total	509.8	529	310.6

Per Capita Availability of Pulses

2318. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the per capita availability of pulses over the past decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government have taken to arrest further decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Per capita net daily availability of pulses has ranged from 30.9 grams in 1980 to 44.0 grams in 1986. Within this range there have been year-to-year fluctuations during the decade 1980-90.

(c) For increasing production of pulses: National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and Special Food Production Programme (SFPP) are being implemented to provide inputs support to the farmers. These programmes have been taken up in the potential States. Financial assistance is given to States on various inputs like seed production, plant protection measures, distribution of seed minikits and farm implements, organisation of demonstration etc. to induce the farmers to take up cultiva-